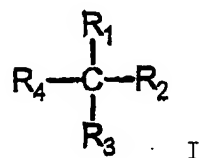


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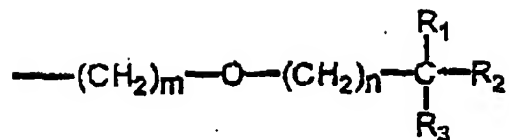
At the outset, applicants thank Examiner Kuhns and SPE Cano for their time and consideration of the present application at the interview with the undersigned on January 24, 2006.

As noted in the Interview Summary, the Examiner indicated that she was inclined to maintain the rejection and believed that the combination of publications were properly linked through the teachings of VOLPENHEIN.

By way of the present amendment, claims 35-37, 39-54 and 56-70 are pending in the present application. Independent claims 35 has been amended to incorporate the recitations of claim 38. Claim 52 gas been amended to incorporate the recitations of claim 55. Claims 38 and 55 previously recited the polyol containing a branched chain corresponds to the general formula:



in which R_1 , R_2 , R_3 and R_4 , which may be identical or different, are selected from a C_1 - C_6 alkyl group or a C_1 - C_6 hydroxyalkyl group; or R_4 represents a group



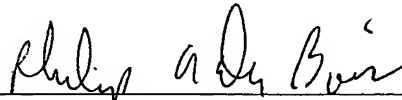
m and n, which are identical or different, being an integer from 1 to 6, R₁, R₂ and R₃ being as defined above, provided that at least two from R₁ to R₄ are a C₁-C₆ hydroxyalkyl group. As independent claims 35 and 52 have been amended to further characterize the recite polyol, applicants submit that the present application has been amended to place the application in condition for appeal.

Furthermore, as claims 38 and 55 have already been examined and considered, applicants do not believe that any new issues have been raised that would require a further search and consideration of the present application. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the present amendment be entered and fully considered.

The Commissioner hereby is authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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